

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and canceled claims 1-22. No new matter has been added to the application by virtue of the present amendment.

Therefore, claims 23-34 are pending in the subject application by virtue of the present amendment. It is respectfully requested that the pending claims 23-34 be considered and passed to issuance.

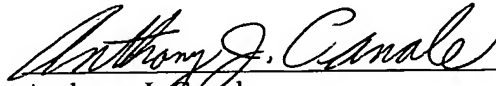
CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application. No fee is due by virtue of this amendment. However, if the PTO determines that a fee is required, please charge Applicants' Deposit Account, 09-0456.

Respectfully Submitted,

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